

LACDMH SOCCER TEAM SCRAMBLES IN HOT TOURNAMENT

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The LACDMH soccer team competed in the L.A. County Soccer Tournament on Saturday, May 31st at Bassett Park in La Puente. The LACDMH soccer team consists of Dan Richardson, Mina Hernandez (Team Captain), Damien Parker (Goalkeeper), Alex Camacho, Sermed Alkass, Robert Holguin, Walid K. Mallat and Mary “Molly” Davis.

It was a scorching marathon in La Puente as the team played the first game at 9:00 A.M. against Justice for All/County Court System, the second game at 10:30 A.M. against CSCIII, and the third game at 11:20 A.M. between CSC and DMH.

The DMH Team gave it 100% in spite of being the only team with only eight players; there were no replacement players for relief, so eight players had to play through the games without any rest.

It was my first time participating as a cheerleader, supporter and sponsor--my family's construction business donated the team jersey for all players so the team was coordinated and looked great all wearing the same uniform. I cheered our team for the entire three games. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the championship but the team showed good sportsmanship and unity—making them a winning team in my book.

Congratulations to all team members for participating. I hope to see more LACDMH staff join the soccer team in the future for the next game this fall.